

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: DOL H-1B GRANTS AND SECTORAL EMPLOYMENT DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

The Department of Labor Employment/Training Administration (DOL/ETA) announced funding availability for two types of grants in the Federal Register, Volume 66, Number 72, April 13, 2001: H-1B Technical Assistance Training Grants and Sectoral Employment Demonstration Grants.

### H-1B Grants

Approximately \$135 million is anticipated to be available for funding the H-1B grants. The funds are for skills training programs for unemployed and employed workers. This skills training program was established under the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 as amended by the American Competitiveness in the Twentieth Century Act of 2000. Seventy-five percent of the funds will be awarded to Local Workforce Investment Boards (Local Boards) to be carried out through the One-Stop delivery systems or a regional consortia of Local Boards. The remaining 25 percent of the funds will be awarded to business partnerships that may include Local Boards. Past applicants, successful or unsuccessful, are eligible to apply. The grant policies and procedures described in the Federal Register are effective immediately. There is no fixed deadline and funds will be awarded until they are exhausted. The grants require a 50 percent match (cash or in-kind). Initial grants of up to \$3 million will be awarded for up to 24 months and may be extended for another year.

For further information, fax questions to Le Phan, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Federal Assistance, fax (202) 693-2879. (This is not a toll-free number.) All inquiries should include the identifying number "SGA/DFA 01-105," a contact name and fax and telephone numbers. This announcement will be published on the Internet on the DOL/ETA homepage at <http://www.doleta.gov>.

### Sectoral Employment Demonstration Grants

The DOL/ETA also announced in the April 13, 2001, Federal Register the availability of \$3.8 million for two types of Sectoral Employment Demonstration Grants, which are funded pursuant to Section 171(d) of the Workforce Investment Act. Only Local Boards may apply. The deadline for application is May 18, 2001. It is expected that about 35 demonstration grants will be funded.

The first type is Sectoral Initiative Formation Grants. The grant activities will involve: the initial development and planning of a local sectoral initiative including establishing a knowledge base of strategies and practices, the selection of a target industry, formation of a sectoral stakeholder group, an analysis of community and industry needs relevant to the targeted industry, and the development of a strategic plan for sectoral intervention. Grants will be for \$75,000.

The second type is Sectoral Initiative Implementation Grants. The activities will involve the implementation of specific interventions focusing at targeted individuals, firms, and measured outcomes. The targeted individuals are dislocated workers, incumbent workers, or new labor market entrants over age 18. Grants will be for \$150,000.

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